

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system supporting the management of multimedia display content in a communication network, the system comprising:
 - a television display, at a first location, supporting the consumption of media;
 - a first storage for storing media, at the first location, and having an associated first network address;
 - a first set top box circuitry, at the first location, communicatively coupling the first storage to the communication network;
 - a user interface having at least one view comprising a representation of media available for consumption, the user interface supporting the selection and scheduling of media for delivery to a second location;
 - a second set top box, at a second location;
 - at least one multimedia display, at the second location, communicatively coupled to the second set top box, and having an associated second network address; and
 - server software that receives a request identifying one of the first and second associated network addresses, and that responds by identifying the other of the associated first and second network addresses to support delivery

of media from the first set top box to the at least one multimedia display for consumption.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the media comprises at least one of audio, a still image, video, real time video, and data.
3. The system of claim 1 wherein consumption comprises at least one of playing digitized audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and displaying data.
4. The system of claim 1 wherein the associated first and second network addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, and an electronic serial number (ESN).
5. The system of claim 1 wherein the communication network comprises at least one of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and a wireless infrastructure.
6. The system of claim 1 wherein the communication network is the Internet.
7. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one multimedia display comprises at least one of a monochrome or color liquid crystal display (LCD), a plasma display, "electronic paper", a projection display, and a light emitting diode (LED) display.

8. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one multimedia display is communicatively coupled using a wireless link.
9. The system of claim 8 wherein the wireless link is compatible with at least one of an IEEE 802.11b or related wireless network standard, a Bluetooth-based wireless network protocol, and an infrared communication protocol.
10. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one multimedia display comprises:
 - at least one sensor for detecting a condition, at the first home; and
 - the detection of the condition resulting in a change in the media displayed.
11. The system of claim 10 wherein the at least one sensor comprises at least one of a visible light motion detector, passive infrared (PIR) motion detector, an ultrasonic motion detector, and a microwave motion detector.
12. A system supporting the management of multimedia display content in a communication network, the system comprising:
 - a television display, supporting the consumption of media;
 - a storage for storing media, the storage communicatively coupled to the television display;
 - set top box circuitry, communicatively coupling the storage to the communication network;

. a user interface having at least one view comprising a representation of media available for consumption, the user interface supporting the selection and scheduling of media for delivery; at least one multimedia display, communicatively coupled to the set top box; and

software that receives a request and that responds by coordinating delivery of media from the set top box to the at least one multimedia display for consumption.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein the media comprises at least one of audio, a still image, video, real time video, and data.

14. The system of claim 12 wherein consumption comprises at least one of playing digitized audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and displaying data.

15. The system of claim 12 wherein the communication network comprises at least one of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and a wireless infrastructure.

16. The system of claim 12 wherein the at least one multimedia display comprises at least one of a monochrome or color liquid crystal display (LCD), a

plasma display, "electronic paper", a projection display, and a light emitting diode (LED) display.

17. The system of claim 12 wherein the at least one multimedia display is communicatively coupled using a wireless link.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein the wireless link is compatible with at least one of an IEEE 802.11b or related wireless network standard, a Bluetooth-based wireless network protocol, and an infrared communication protocol.

19. The system of claim 12 wherein the at least one multimedia display comprises:

at least one sensor for detecting a condition, at the first home; and
the detection of the condition resulting in a change in the media displayed.

20. The system of claim 19 wherein the at least one sensor comprises at least one of a visible light motion detector, passive infrared (PIR) motion detector, an ultrasonic motion detector, and a microwave motion detector.

21. A method of supporting the management of multimedia display content in a communication network, the method comprising:

receiving input from a user;
scheduling media for delivery from a first location to a second location based on input from the user;

delivering media from the first location to the second location, via the communication network, if media is scheduled for delivery; and refraining from delivering media from the first location to the second location, via the communication network, if media is not scheduled for delivery.

22. The system of claim 21 wherein the media comprises at least one of audio, a still image, video, and data.

23. The system of claim 21 wherein the communication network comprises at least one of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and a wireless infrastructure.

24. The method of claim 21 wherein the user input is received via a user interface having at least one view comprising a representation of at least one user defined media channel supporting consumption of media.

25. The method of claim 21 wherein the delivery comprises:
authenticating the first location to the second location;
sending a request to transfer media, from the first location to the second location;
receiving a response, at the first location from the second location;

transferring the media, from the first location to the second location, if the response is an acceptance of the transfer of media; and refraining from transferring the media, from the first location to the second location, if the response is not an acceptance of the transfer of media.